Tobacco exported to Russia during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the exporters cut each other and under priced the Tobacco;

(c) if so, what is the total loss of export earnings to the national due to this; and

(d) what steps are being taken to avert this underpricing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Unit value realisation of FCV tobacco exported to Russia during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Unit value (Rs./Kg.)
1990-91	32.77
1991-92	39.57
1992-93	66.24

(b) to (d) In a commercial crop like tobacco where factors like international situation and domestic demand are crucial, prices are subject to fluctuations.

Carry over Stock of FCV Tobacco

4245. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expected quantity of carry-over stock of F.C.V. Tobacco for the next year, both from Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, and what is the impact on the market of tobacco during the coming year; and

(b) what steps are being taken to avert the crises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The likely carry-over stock of tobacco projected by the Tobacco Board for the next year is about 54 M. Kg. The large carry over stock could result in reduced buyers participation in auctions, lack of competitions in auction floors, storage problems for fresh crops, and reduced bank credit.

(b) Tobacco Board has taken steps to reduce the crop size, not to licence production in black soil regions, advising farmers through publicity not to go for excess/unauthorised plantation, and to help the farmers to switch over to alternate crops.

Tobacco as a Plantation Crop

4246. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to declare tobacco a plantation crop and bring all aspects of tobacco, including its export under one Ministry;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the criteria adopted by Government for declaring any crop coming under the definition of a plantation crop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) Some of the parameters for plantation crops are long gestation of the crops, exemption from land ceiling Act etc. Tobacco is an annual crop, which is subject to the land ceiling laws. There is no proposal to declare tobacco as a plantation crop.

Proposal for uniting EPZ Units as a Federation

4247. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether units in the Export Processing Zones (EPZ) in the country propose to unite in a federation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Some units in Export Processing Zones (EPZs) have formed Zone-wise Industries Associations. However, the Government is not aware of the actual formation of any Federation

of such Associations.

Indo-Japanese Trade

4248. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting on the Indo-Japan Business Cooperation Committee (IJBCC) has been held so far; and

(b) if so, the details of the present stage of Indo-Japanese trade picking up and steps taken by Government in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) So far 24 meetings of the IJBCC have been held. The 24th Joint Meeting of the Indo-Japan Business Cooperation Committees was held in Japan on April 22-23, 1993.

(b) As per DGCI&S, during the last three years, Indo-Japan Trade statistics were as under:—

(In Rs. Crores)

Year	Exports	Imports	Trade turn-over
1990-91	3038.98	3244.55	6283.53
1991-92	4047.66	3370.12	7417.78
1992-93	4152.88	4080.97	8233.85

Steps to boost Indo-Japan bilateral trade include regular inter-action between the two countries at various levels, participation in Internationals fairs, exhibitions in Japan etc.

Cash Compensatory Support to the Exporters

4249. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the exporters who concluded their export deals prior to 2nd July, 1991 are not being allowed to draw the entire amounts of Cash Compensatory Support (CCS) due to objections raised by the Principal Director of Audit, Madras;

(b) whether clarifications have been sought over the applicability of Government orders contained in circular nos. 12 (73)/96-EAC dated 4-9-86, 10-7-91 and 11-2-88;

(c) whether CCS earlier allowed is now being recalled in the absence of the Government clarifications;

(d) whether the exporters are being wrongfully denied this facility;

(e) whether Government would take a decision in line with one taken by an office of the Director General of Foreign Trade in the matter; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) No, Sir. All exports effected upto and including 2nd July, 1991 are eligible for their respective rates of CCS. There are no Government orders Nos. 12 (73)/96-EAC dated 4-9-86, 10-7-91 & 11-2-88; as such, the question of clarification does not arise.

(e) to (f) Do not arise in view of (a) to (d) above.

आयात लाइसेंसों की संख्या में कटौती किया जाना

4250. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस वर्ष निर्यात बढ़ाने के विचार से आयात लाइसेंसों की संख्या कम करने हेतु किए गए विभिन्न उपायों का ब्योरा क्या है;

(ख) 30 जून, 1993 तक इन उपायों के संबंध में क्या प्रगति रही है; और

(ग) इसके परिणामस्वरूप निर्यात में कितने प्रतिशत वृद्धि हुई है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) वर्तमान निर्यात-आयात नीति, 1992—97 के अनुसार केवल कुछ ऐसी मदों को छोड़कर जो नीति के अन्तर्गत आयात की नकारात्मक सूची में शामिल हैं, अन्य पूंजीगत सामान कच्चे माल, मध्यवर्ती सामान, संघटक, उपभोक्ता माल, अतिरिक्त पुर्जे, सहायक साधन, उपस्कर तथा अन्य सामान को बिना किसी प्रतिबंध के आयात किया जा सकता है।

(ख) और (ग) आयात की उदारीकृत प्रणाली से वर्ष 1993-94 की पहली तिमाही अर्थात अप्रैल से जून, 1993 के दौरान